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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The matter is under the consideration of this Government.

Special Police Force

* 607 Q.—SRI S. LAZAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(a) the special features of the Special Police Force constituted in Madras City to tackle emergency situations ; and

(b) whether such a force will be constituted in all municipal towns ?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (a) No Special Police Force has been constituted in Madras City to tackle emergency situations.

(b) Does not arise.

SRI A. A. RASHEED : May I know the purposes for which these Home Guards will be used? Will the Home Guards consist of both men and women ?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Sir, the purpose is given in the questions themselves. They are intended to meet the requirements of emergency situations, whether it is a question of law and order or a question of floods and other acts of Nature. The whole proposal is under consideration.

I cannot satisfy the curiosity of the hon. Member with regard to the question, whether women would be included in it.

SRI N. K. PALANISAMI : Since almost all the other States have already formed Home Guards Units in their States, may I know why we are lagging behind other States in this respect ?

MR. SPEAKER : The Hon. Minister has already stated that the matter is under consideration.

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : According to my information only the Bombay State has formed the Home Guards Unit. I do not know whether all the other States have formed Home Guards.

SRI S. LAZAR : May I know the purpose for which the Bombay State has formed Home Guards and whether the same purpose is not felt by this Government ?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Purposes are similar whether it is in the case of the Bombay Government or this Government so far as the formation of Home Guards is concerned.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM : Sir, what is the age-limit for the civilians to get enrolled in these Home Guards Units ? Will any concession be shown to such of those enthusiastic Assembly Members if they volunteer ?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I can tell the hon. Member that I have already stated that the scheme is still under consideration. We have not finalised proposals.

MR. SPEAKER : The hon. Member has still got a chance.

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SRI S. M. ANNAMALAI : இந்த ஹோம் கார்டுகளுக்கு ஏதாவது ராணுவ பயிற்சி கொடுக்கப்படுகிறதா ? அப்படியானால் மத்திய சர்க்காரிடமிருந்து அவர்களுக்கு ஏதாவது மானியம் தரப்படுகிறதா ?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : இம்மாதிரியான ஹோம் கார்டுகள் அமைத்துக் கொள்ளலாம் என்று யோசனை கூறியிருக்கிறார்கள். ஹோம் கார்டு திட்டத்தை உருவாக்க முடியுமா, அது வேண்டுமா அல்லது வேண்டாமா என்பதைப் பற்றி மத்திய அரசாங்கம் பின்னால் பரிசீலனை செய்வார்கள்.

SRI V. K. KOTHANDARAMAN : ஏற்கனவேயே பெண்கள் ஹோம் கார்டில் தான் இருக்கிறார்கள். ஆகவே மறுபடியும் இந்த ஹோம் கார்டில் போட்டால் ஏற்கனவே இருக்கக் கூடிய ஹோம் கார்டு வேலை சீர்குலைந்து போய் விடும் அல்லவா ? அது சீர்குலையாமல் இருப்பதற்கு ஏற்பாடு செய்யப்படுமா ?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : ஏற்கனவே இருக்கக்கூடிய ஹோம் கார்டுகள் வேலைக்கு குந்தகம் வராமல் பார்த்துக் கொள்ளலாம்.

SRI A. A. RASHEED : Sir, will the Home Guards be formed only in Madras City or will they be formed in all district headquarters ?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I may repeat to the hon. Member that the scheme is yet to be finalized.

Fertilizer Enquiry Committee

MR. SPEAKER : The hon. Member, Sri K. Sattanatha Karayalar, is not in his seat. Question No. 608 and the answer will be printed in the official proceedings.

* 608 Q.—**SRI K. SATTANATHA KARAYALAR :** Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(a) whether any representation was made to the Fertilizer Enquiry Committee (All-India) by our State; and

(b) if so, what was the representation that was made by our State ?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (a) & (b) Yes, Sir. The Fertilizer Distribution Enquiry Committee issued a questionnaire seeking mostly factual information regarding the distribution of chemical fertilizers in the State. While replying to the questionnaire, the following representations were made:—

(1) To ensure regulated supply of chemical fertilizers according to the approved phased programme, and to minimise the difficulty in moving stocks received at ports in time to the distribution centres, the Government of India may arrange to establish Central Storages of chemical fertilizers at suitable centres, particularly in or near areas of heavy consumption and to release stocks from them according to the phased programme at the normal pool rates.

(2) The Central Fertilizer Pool may be extended to phosphatic fertilizers to make them available in all parts of the State.

(3) In order to make up various kinds of losses, viz., ocean transit loss in case of imported stocks, railway transit shortages in the case of indigenous supplies and godown losses, etc., an ample margin in the Central Fertilizer Pool price, is necessary.